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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, CASC (SMUTS, SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - KTDNAPPED AMCITS IN

TANZANIA: SITREP 1

1. THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT'S REJECTION OF THE KIDNAP-  
PERS' DEMANDS (FOR ARMS, RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND \$500,000)  
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WAS BROADCAST IN TANZANIA YESTERDAY. TODAY AMBASSADOR  
CARTER AND THE AMBASSADOR OF THE NETHERLANDS HELD A JOINT  
PRESS CONFERENCE IN DAR ES SALAAM. THE AMBASSADOR OF THE  
NETHERLANDS SPECIFICALLY ASSOCIATED HIMSELF AND HIS GOVERN-

MENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, WHICH OUR AMBASSADOR, ON THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION, READ: "THE UNITED STATES AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENTS MAINTAIN A DEEP HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE ABDUCTED LAST WEEK AND ARE STILL BEING HELD CAPTIVE. REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR PARENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE IN OR ON THEIR WAY TO TANZANIA, AND WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF TANZANIA AND ZAIRE IN EXPLORING WAYS TO SECURE THEIR SAFE RELEASE. WE STRONGLY URGE THE ABDUCTORS TO TAKE NO ACTION FOR WHICH MANKIND AND HISTORY WILL CONDEMN THEM."

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS STATEMENT WILL BE BROADCAST OVER RADIO TANZANIA IN SWAHILI AND THUS REACH THE KIDNAPPERS.

3. I MET WITH AMBASSADOR BOMANI OF TANZANIA THIS AFTERNOON AND REITERATED TO HIM OUR HOPE THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE SOME STATEMENT EXPRESSING ITS CONTINUED CONCERN FOR THE STUDENTS' SAFETY AND WELL-BEING. I ALSO URGED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE AND TANZANIA BE IN CONSTANT, CLOSE COMMUNICATION ON THIS MATTER AND TO CONSIDER HOW BEST A DIALOGUE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS MIGHT BE OPENED. AMBASSADOR BOMANI SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS THESE MESSAGES ON TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. IN ADDITION TO THESE STEPS, WE ARE EXPLORING HERE AND WITH OUR EMBASSIES, POSSIBLE WAYS TO DEVELOP A DIALOGUE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS (FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH THE USE OF NON-INVOLVED THIRD PARTIES) AND POSSIBLE WAYS TO FACILITATE AN EARLY RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. INGERSOLL

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